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By Order,

G. FRIESLAND,

110a, Secretary. [1039]

NOTICE.

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mittee's Report and Accounts for the year
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By Order,

A. R. LOWE,

Secretary. [1046]

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MARRIAGE.

On the 8th April, at Yokohama, J. H. ROSENTHAL, of Yokohama, to Miss GERTRUDE M. STERN, of New York.

The Daily Press.

HONGKONG OFFICE: 14, DEEVEY ROAD, JI.
LONDON OFFICE: 131, FLEET STREET, E.C.

HONGKONG, 23RD APRIL, 1904

The chief sensation of the moment, as far as the war between Japan and Russia is concerned, is the resignation of Admiral ALEXIEFF, as announced in our London telegram published yesterday morning. REUTER'S despatch appearing in another column to-day adds the information that the reason of this resignation is that Admiral ALEXIEFF finds himself "practically superseded, except in civil affairs" and that the appointment of Admiral SKRYDLOFF, who is notoriously hostile to him, was made without consulting him. It is to be gathered that the post which Admiral ALEXIEFF has resigned is the Viceroyalty of the Far East, that office with the pompous style which was given to him by the Tsar last year. His lesser command, that over the Russian squadron at Port Arthur, which he assumed temporarily after Admiral MAKAROFF's death on the 13th instant, he could not resign until Admiral SKRYDLOFF arrives to relieve him. We may conclude, therefore, that Viceroy ALEXIEFF wishes to cease to be Viceroy of the Far East. We see thus the curious spectacle of the man responsible for the war anxious to retire from his position before the war is more than two months and a half old. That he was so responsible we think that every fair-minded man must agree. Dr. DILLON in the March number of the *Contemporary Review* showed this very conclusively, but additional evidence can be found in abundance in the correspondence contained in the Japanese White-look which we noticed last week. It can hardly be doubted that the S. Petersburg Government sees now how Russia has been led by

her Viceroy into a war for which she was quite unprepared, for no other reason than that this Viceroy entirely misestimated the character and determination of the Japanese. Since war broke out and Russia began to suffer disasters, Viceroy ALEXIEFF has seen General Kuropatkin appointed to supreme military command, and the unfortunate Admiral MAKAROFF to command of the fleet, the latter's death in battle being followed by the appointment of Admiral SKRYDLOFF. He sees on one side of him General Kuropatkin, with whom his relations are not quite smooth, and on the other Admiral SKRYDLOFF, notoriously hostile, as we are told. So there remains to him but a civil position on which to keep up his high-sounding title of Viceroy. Nemesis has indeed overtaken him rapidly for his arrogance and his failure to grasp the situation. Since he came out to the Far East he has striven, with all the resources of Russian diplomacy and with the weight of his trusting Government behind him, to gain for Russia a position in North-east Asia from which she could dictate her terms instead of working, as in the past, by the aid of evasions and unsubstantiated promises. Whether he has actually dealt a death-blow to his country's hopes in this quarter of the world remains to be seen, but at least he has involved Russia in a war opening with humiliation and likely to end, at the very best, in a tremendous set-back to all progress, as well as in financial loss not easily estimated. The fault, of course, is partly that of those who singled out Admiral ALEXIEFF for so responsible a post— who, in Dr. DILLON'S words, "set a blacksmith who is honest and industrious to repair a lady's watch." But that those who appointed him were deceived in him does not exonerate him from the charge of gross folly in misreading Japan's intentions as he did. It may be with the best intentions that he has betrayed his country; but there is no doubt of the fact of the betrayal. Not even a crushing land victory for Russia, complete enough to terminate the war, could justify him now.

To-day is St. George's Day.

The French mail of the 22nd March was delivered in London on the 21st inst.

Eighty-seven Army details arrived by the P. & O. s.s. *Chusan* yesterday.

Mr. S. John Brodick has decided against the abolition of Cooper's Hill Engineering College.

The Chinese *Huachuan* reached its 1,000th performance at the Strand Theatre, London, last month.

Professor Simpson has gone out to Johannesburg, where there has been a serious outbreak of plague in the coolie location.

It was reported yesterday that a Chinese woman was found at Kowloon City wharf removing a Chinese corpse, dead from plague.

According to *Sport and Gossip*, Mr. Alec March is contemplating another visit to Shanghai at no very distant date. He is at present, as we announced recently, in India.

From the particulars given in the Civil Service Estimates for the coming financial year we learn provision is made for new British Consuls at Moukden, Antung, and Kungmou.

The shipments of Ceylon tea to Russia, says the *Times* of Ceylon, are continuing merrily, and whatever hardships the Russians may have to undergo in consequence of the war, they won't suffer in their tea.

Major Sir Matthew Nathan, B.E., our new Governor, was among those present to bid farewell to Sir John Anderson at Victoria Station on the 24th ult., on his departure to take up the Governorship of the Straits Settlements.

Seven robbers armed with rifles and daggers have attacked the branch of the Russo-Chinese Bank at Bokhara, on the Transcaspian Railway, wounding three persons, including the manager, but getting no booty.

According to an English missionary who arrived at Gensan from the north of Corea there are indications that Koreans in the region lying to the north of Hamhung are organising with the purpose of opposing the Japanese.

Not long ago, the *Globe* records, a heavy load of old iron was being carried in a cart down the Strand. The lumbering vehicle blocked the traffic, and the British "bus-driver" began to search eagerly in his mind for some suitable comment. At last he found one. "Nah, then," he said, with asperity, "get on there with yer Russian Navy."

The first consignments of building material for the new floating dock at Kincshan have left Germany. The dock will consist of five separate pontoons, with a total loading capacity of 16,000 tons, and will be able to accommodate the largest battleship in the German Navy, as well as the big liners of the Hamburg and Bremen Steamship Companies.

A writer in a paper just to hand points out that with Japan holding Port Arthur in strength and England holding Weihaiwei in similar strength the integrity of China would be assured in spite of all other Powers.

According to Indian frontier advices, the Russian reverses are the principal topic in Afghanistan. The Amir, lately reviewing his regiments, referred eloquently to the success of Japan, and expressed the hope that his army would give a similar account of themselves if necessity arose.

We have received from the *Kobe Chronicle* office Part I. of *A Diary of the Russo-Japanese War*, with maps and illustrations, which is now in its second edition, and from the *Kobe Herald* office an illustrated War Supplement. Both are excellent productions, and give a good idea of the enterprise of our Kobe contemporaries.

On the 24th ult. Dr. Macnamara asked in the House of Commons what regulations were to be proposed for the treatment of the children of coolies in the Transvaal on reaching 16 years of age. Mr. Lyttelton said: No regulations appear to be necessary, seeing that no children over 10 will be introduced, and the labourer cannot remain for more than six years.

Captain Percy Scott, who under special Admiralty instructions, has been engaged at Gibraltar in connection with some extensive gunnery trials which have been carried out by the *Victorious*, first-class battleship, flying the flag of Rear-Admiral the Hon. Hedworth Lambton, returned to Portsmouth last month and resumed the command of the Naval Gunnery School of that port.

In the House of Commons, on the 24th ult., in answer to Mr. Weir, Earl Percy said His Majesty's Consul-General at Canton reported on the 5th October that the Viceroy had instructed the Hoppo to immediately request the Commissioner of Customs to take the necessary steps for carrying out the provisions of the treaty; and a preliminary survey of the harbour has been made by a Chinese Revenue cutter, with a view to the removal of obstructions. His Majesty's Government have received no further report.

British and American authors and publishers continue to flood the market with books on Japan and China. Among them we notice one called *Opium and Missionaries in China* by Mr. Arthur Davenport. The writer's object is to point out the injury inflicted on our prestige through the widespread allegation that "we have forced opium on China." He also suggests a total change in our present method of missionary propaganda, which, he contends, has produced rebellion and fatal riots, followed by wholesale reprisals by foreigners, alike in Manchuria and China.

It seems certain now that the threatened deportation from Tientsin of Mr. Cowen, Editor of the *China Times*, has been abandoned, as Mr. Cowen has resumed the editorship. The *Kobe Chronicle* makes the following comment: "Though the accused in such a case does not seem to have any right of appeal under the Orders in Council, such a sentence must be reviewed by the Chief Justice at Shanghai, and only on his approval can it go into operation. Presumably the Chief Justice has not approved, and the matter will be allowed to drop. If our surmise is correct, the condition that such sentences passed by a Provincial Court must be reviewed by the Judge of the Supreme Court has proved a real safeguard to the freedom of the English Press in China."

The most furious man in America on the day that Japan's first great naval victory over Russia was announced was Richard Mansfield, says an American contemporary. Until the war cloud assumed serious proportions Mr. Mansfield had about decided to postpone his production of the Russian play *Ivan the Terrible* until next season. But when war became assured, and the immediate victory of the Russians, in Mr. Mansfield's mind, became a foregone conclusion, he determined to rush the Russian play to the front of his repertoire at once. Now, when the play is all ready for production, Mr. Mansfield has suddenly discovered that the Japanese are not only in the ascendant, but that the sympathy aroused throughout the country is so great that unless *Ivan the Terrible* turns out to be a really great and absorbing drama its chances of popularity have been seriously handicapped.

By kind permission of Major Radcliff and officers, the Band of the 83rd Burma Infantry will play at the Hongkong Hotel from 8 to 9.30 p.m. to-night. Programme:—
March..... "Field Service"..... O. d. Hume
Overture..... *Zampa*..... Herold
Selection..... *The Swanee Girl*..... Van Caryl
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Fruits.

An Odessa telegram to the *Standard*, dated the 17th March, says:—It is semi-officially announced that the interruption to the Russo-Chinese tea trade by land and sea will not very largely enhance the price of that article to the Russian consumer, as measures have been taken for keeping up the supply as nearly as possible to its normal standard. This year and next the China teas for Russia will come through London. Arrangements have already been made for the import, through the British Metropolitan port, of ninety million pounds of China tea. Whatever gap there may be in the China supply will be made up by the increased import of Ceylon and Indian teas.

The London *Daily Mail* has been enlightening its readers as to the heavy cost of war news. Although the rate for Press cables is now 1s. 11d. a word, as compared with 7s. 6d. a word for ordinary messages, a London newspaper, it says, often finds its cabling bill for the week's war news amounting to £1,200, and this irrespective of the amounts paid to various agencies, such as Reuters. The *Mail* mentions that the special correspondent of a London morning journal cabled an important message to his paper recently which cost nearly £200, and that amount was literally thrown into the waste-paper basket as the Japanese Legation had previously supplied the paper with practically the same message.

Mr. J. Shearman, third officer of the Peninsular and Oriental steamer *Candia*, was last month presented with the Stanhope gold medal by Mr. H. H. Joseph, General Manager of the Company, on behalf of the Royal Humane Society. The presentation took place on board the steamship *Arabia*, at Tilbury Dock, in the presence of the whole of the ship's officers and crew and of various officials. The Stanhope gold medal is awarded by the Society in recognition of what is adjudged to be the greatest act of heroism performed during the year. Mr. Shearman, while fourth officer of the *Malacca*, leaped overboard one night in the China Sea, during a heavy sea and with a strong tide running, and rescued one of the ship's quarter-masters, who had fallen overboard.

With regard to the new U. S. War Secretary, an American correspondent sends an interesting letter on the personality of Mr. Taft and his work in the Philippines, which he thinks could not fail to attract attention at home. When a vacancy occurred in the Supreme Court of the United States President Roosevelt tendered the position to Governor Taft, who refused it. When he finally agreed to accept the War Office appointment the only way of satisfying the demands of the islanders was through the assurance that, though he would be at home, he would be at the head of the department vested with the duty of choosing his own successor and in control of the work which he had organised and carried out.

NAVAL NOTES.

H.M.S. *Esperley*, Comdr. E. G. Burton, has returned from Weihaiwei.
Yesterday afternoon the British fleet returned from Mira Bay, the vessels being the battleships *Gloria*, *Albion*, *Ocean*, *Vengeance*, and *Centurion*, the cruisers *Talbot*, *Cressy*, and *Amphitrite*, and the despatch-boat *Albatross*.

Capt. Greet, who is taking over command of the *Ocean*, vice Rear-Admiral Foote, arrived from England by the P. & O. s.s. *Chusan* yesterday.
The Chinese gun-boat *Chan Feng*, yesterday passed through Hongkong Harbour, on her way from San Sze Mun to Canton.

HONGKONG GYMKHANA CLUB.

This afternoon at Happy Valley the first Meeting of the Hongkong Gymkhana Club will be held, commencing at 4 o'clock. A capital programme has been drawn up, and as the events have filled well good sport is assured. There are in all six races—the Grantham Cup, the East Point Cup, the Jellison Cup, Polo Pony Sourry, the Gymkhana Club Challenge Cup, and the Primrose Cup. Mr. F. H. Lyons, R.N., will act as clerk of the scales, Mr. H. P. White as judge, Mr. G. C. C. Master as starter, Mr. W. W. G. Ross as second starter, and Mr. J. R. Michael as time-keeper, while the secretarial duties fall upon Mr. F. B. Deacon. The band of the Sherwood Foresters will play a programme of music, and given good weather the Gymkhana should be a great success.

ORCHESTRAL CONCERT AT THE THEATRE.

By kind permission of Rear-Admiral von Holtendorff, the Band of the *Hansa* gave an orchestral concert in the Theatre last night. This is the second occasion this season on which a Band from a German warship visiting the port has given an orchestral concert in the Theatre, and the *Hansa*'s band was favoured last night with a full house. An excellent programme was provided embracing selections from the works of Weber, Schumann, Gounod, Czibulka, Brahms, Schubert, Wagner and Stuart. We do not know that the *Hansa*'s Band has given a concert before in the Colony, but it is safe to say that they will be welcomed by lovers of music in the Colony whenever they are visiting Hongkong again. The entire programme was played in first-class style and each item it was evident was keenly enjoyed by the audience. In acknowledgement of the enthusiastic appreciation of the audience, two or three extra pieces were played, the concert being brought to a close shortly after eleven with a few bars of the British national anthem.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

THE BELGIAN ROYAL LAWSUIT.

KING LEOPOLD WINS.

LONDON, 21st Ap., 11 a.m.

The Brussels Tribunal yesterday refused the application of the Princesses Louise and Stephanie against their father, King Leopold.

[Particulars of this lawsuit will be found in another column.—ED. D.P.]

REUTER'S SERVICE.

THE BUDGET.

LONDON, 20th April.

The Tea resolution was adopted after an amendment by Mr. Lough in favour of 6d. per pound, which was rejected by 235 to 193. The additional duty on Tobacco was also adopted by 200 to 106. The newspapers generally receive the Budget most favourably, but the Conservative organs simultaneously insist on the urgent necessity for reducing the national expenditure, especially in view of the income tax. The *Daily News* vehemently denounces the increased duty on Tea.

ADMIRAL ALEXIEFF'S RESIGNATION.

LONDON, 20th April.

Admiral Alexieff has resigned finding himself practically superseded except in Civil affairs. Moreover the appointment of Admiral Skrydloff, who is notoriously hostile to Admiral Alexieff, was made without consulting him.

THE TIBET EXPEDITION.

LONDON, 20th April.

The House of Lords has adopted a resolution authorising the Tibet expedition.

WAR NOTES.

THE COSSACKS.

A Japanese officer, who has had a chance of meeting the Cossacks in North Corea, has recently forwarded the following report to the Government. The Cossacks do not carry any baggage. They eat fowls raw and even candles when hungry. The Coreans are surprised by the primitive state of living of the Cossacks. The Cossacks wear overcoats of soft leather lined with sheepskin, and often camp outside of cottages, without going inside. They might almost be likened to wild beasts. They fly like shepherds, and lie down in the field. They can therefore travel fifty miles a day without difficulty, and it is hard work to capture them. Their horses are often fed with rice instead of proper food. The speed of the horses is not much superior to that of the Japanese horses; but the Cossacks can travel faster than the Japanese over the hills, through forests and over rough country. The Cossacks are timid, more afraid of death than was expected. This view has been confirmed by several reports received from scouts. During the engagement at Teishu on the 28th ult. the Cossacks were fully aware of the inferior position of the Japanese, but they utterly failed to take the aggressive. After two hours' firing they retreated suddenly on seeing the advance of the Japanese Infantry. Lieutenant Yugami with twenty men was able to hold his position against seventy or eighty Russians during the engagement. This may be regarded as proof of the Japanese soldiers' courage; but on the other hand it shows the Cossacks' lack of a warlike spirit.

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

THE SWIMMING SEASON.

Members of the V.R.C. have recommenced swimming. At low-water one has to be rather brave to tackle the somewhat doubtful odour of rotten seaweed in the basin, but there is always good plunging to be had on the off side of the pier. Water-polo, of course, will soon take the place of beating. As a matter of fact, although there is a scratch four-oared race on the 30th, it is sometimes difficult to muster crews now. Tennis attractions on the Hongkong side are in some measure responsible for this, but, anyhow, the weather is becoming warmer daily, and splashing is really already in season. There is to be a good "smoker," we are told, at the gymnasium to-night, an amount of local talent contributing. The performance commences at 9 p.m. sharp, and a late ferry, from Kowloon to Hongkong, will run at 12.15 a.m. Shortly, perhaps, there will be children's races, as it will be remembered, the weather prevented them at the recent V.R.C. Athletic Sports.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—
On the 22nd, at 11.30 a.m. The barometer has risen in Japan, where the greatest pressure is now found, and fallen in China.
A depression has been formed in Northern China, and for the present the monsoon is interrupted upon the China Coast.
Light variable winds will be met with in the Formosa Channel, and light E. to S.E. winds will prevail in the northern part of the China Sea.
Forecast:—Light E. winds; overcast, dull.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE SMOKE NUISANCE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 21st April.

SIR,—It is satisfactory to see that the Sanitary Board is taking steps to abate the smoke nuisance. Dense volumes of black smoke should not be allowed to be discharged from almost every smoke-stack in the Colony. It is unnecessary, and can be avoided. Such being the case, it is intolerable that in the neighbourhood of smoke-stacks the atmosphere should be so charged with particles of unoxidised carbon as not only to render the necessary process of respiration an extremely unpleasant one, but frequently to almost shut from view the surrounding scenery. With properly constructed furnaces, and when so constructed properly used, this nuisance would be abated; in fact it should be absolutely stopped. Faulty construction of the furnaces, bad stoking, and passing too much air through the grate, are mainly responsible for the emission of black smoke—in other words, of particles of carbon which have not been oxidised in the furnace and are allowed to flow out of the chimney, to become a nuisance to the neighbourhood. By using Welsh smokeless coal, and by exercising sufficient supervision at the furnace to see that rational stoking is employed, there will be no smoke nuisance, provided the furnace is properly constructed. If smokeless coal is unobtainable liquid fuel could be used, and, if sprayed into the furnace intelligently, by means of an apparatus such as Holden's liquid fuel injector (the cost of which is not great), practically no unoxidised carbon would leave the smoke-stack. Liquid fuel can, I believe, be had in abundance and at a lower price than even Japanese coal, unit for unit of calorific power. There is another means of abating the smoke nuisance, viz., by drawing off the gases of combustion and forcing them through a water-spray by means of a properly constructed fan situated in the exit flue of the furnace. By this means the unoxidised particles of carbon, as well as the light particles of ash, are washed out of the escaping gases, and a clear chimney top is the result. The smoke nuisance can be abated, and I sincerely hope that the Sanitary Board will not rest until every smoke-stack over which they have jurisdiction will have ceased to belch forth black smoke.—I am, Sir, Yours faithfully,
Z.

HAND PERFORMANCES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Kowloon, 21st April.

SIR,—Your correspondent "Semibreve" is worthy of support in his suggestion that we ought to have a Town Band in Hongkong, and possibly he may be right when he says that, in comparison with Shanghai, Singapore, and Manila, things are greatly mismanaged here. On the supposition that the proposed Town Band would be a good one it would undoubtedly be a great acquisition and supply a long-felt public want. Meanwhile, in the absence of the Town Band, the services of the various military bands in the Colony are gratuitously given by the kindness of the military authorities. "Semibreve" is apparently ignorant of the fact that these bands are supported mainly by the officers of the regiment, and that the "hand-some sums" which the "languid and weary taxpayers disgorge" are devoted to a military and not to a musical object. It might be well to point out to the benefit of this correspondent that the tone of his letter and his regrets that he is dependent on "the whims of gold-laced officers" are hardly calculated to promote a continuance of the kindness hitherto shown.—Yours, etc.

MILES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "DAILY PRESS."

Hongkong, 22nd April.

SIR,—I have just read the miserable defence of your correspondent "Gold Lace," and am hardly surprised that the facts I submitted should not have met with his approval. Anybody with ordinary intelligence is thoroughly aware of the fact that the instruments and music of a military band are furnished from the private funds of officers, but it is equally undeniable that the men who comprise the strength of a military band are in the pay and service of the State, and not in those of the officers, hence if it is a privilege that officers think they are conferring by permitting their hands to play in public, none the less it is a privilege that they are allowed by the State to enjoy the exclusive services of these men. Hongkong at the present moment is equipped with no less than four military bands, and it is a disgrace that a whole community should find themselves at the mercy of a handful of officers.
—Yours faithfully,
SEMIBREVE.

[With reference to this correspondence on "Band Performances," we should prefer that the writers would express their views with less acrimony. As it is, we have decided to withhold one letter and omit a few lines in one of those published above. Abuse is not argument.—ED. D.P.]

HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

BLAKE SHIELD COMPETITION.

Practice for this competition will be held on the range to-day at 2.30 p.m. The following are likely to compete:—Capt. Skinner, Lieut. Lamert, Lieut. Scott, Sergt.-Major Rodger, Sergt.-Major McKenzie, Sergt. Terrill, Sergt. Gloyd, Sergt. Andrew, Corp. Gidley, Bombr. McCord, Bombr. Stephenson, Gun. Horley, Gun. Grimshaw, Gun. A. Watson, Gun. Crosbie. There will be a handicap competition for Spoons presented by Capt. Skinner if a sufficient number are present.

BELGIAN ROYAL LAWSUIT.

VERDICT FOR KING LEOPOLD.

As will be seen from a telegram in another column, the tribunal which has sat in the Belgian Royal lawsuit has refused the application of Princess Stephanie and Princess Louise with reference to the late Queen's will. The hearing of the case commenced at the beginning of last month and finished on the 15th ult.

The object of the action was to decide whether King Leopold and the late Queen were married under the law of the community of property or otherwise. The applicants claimed that the Queen's estate should include half the King's fortune. King Leopold, however, claimed that the marriage took place under the law of the *separation des biens*. In other words, that the succession of the Queen should only comprise such property as was hers prior to her marriage.

Princess Stephanie declared that the King had officially announced his intention to disinherit her completely, and that he has left her without means, having for several months ceased to pay her pension. She averred that the menace of disinheritance appeared to attach blame to her coming from a father and a sovereign, and could not be submitted to in silence. Princess Louise, who has enormous debts, was also a party in the suit, which indeed was forced forward by the claims of the two Princesses' creditors.

The following are extracts from the will of her late Majesty which were read in Court:—
"My personal property, coming from my father, my dowry, and the inheritance of my mother and my grandmother, of Wurtemberg, are to be divided according to Belgian law, into four parts: one for each of my three daughters, the fourth remaining at my disposal. According to my marriage contract, I also should have the right to dispose of my dowry—200,000 Austrian florins. I have not touched one centime either of this money or the interest. I affirm that all my attempts to trace this dowry have been fruitless."

Counsel for Princess Stephanie, in addressing the Court said she owed it to her dignity to claim her portion, not for the money's sake, but to vindicate her position as a Royal daughter who would not submit to being treated as an outcast. The Emperor of Austria had not discarded her. King Leopold was only moved by mercenary motives and by hatred of his own flesh and blood compelling his daughter to sue him for alimony. The King violated the principles of the law with the complicity of the nation in giving away to the nation family properties in which his children should share. The latter had been robbed for the profit of the State. Her only crime after the terrible experience of a marriage with Archduke Rudolph was to marry a less exalted and more honourable man. For this her Royal father in his pride punished her, disinherited her, and gave her property away to the nation.

The King's defence was that the marriage contract between him and his father-in-law, the Emperor of Austria, constituted a political and international act, and the judicial authority of Belgium could not pronounce it null and void.

POLICE COURT.

Friday, 22nd April.

BEFORE MR. H. H. J. GOMPERTZ
(ACTING POLICE MAGISTRATE).

SEVEN MEN DISCHARGED.

Seven junk-men were charged on remand with unlawful possession of 24 bags of sugar. Mr. Puget Hett, solicitor, appeared for the defence, and the men were discharged.

A COOLIE'S FAREWELL.

Three coolies bound to South Africa, where they hope to make a fortune at the mines, were charged with assaulting a woman at Yaumati, being jealous of another man. They were fined \$10 apiece.

FAILING TO REGISTER.

A Chinaman was charged with keeping three emigrants without registering them. He was fined \$10 an emigrant, or \$30 in all.

BEFORE MR. J. H. KEMP (SECOND
POLICE MAGISTRATE).

"OVERCROWDING AT THE HONGKONG CLUB."

An occupant of No. 259, Des Vaux Road West was charged with keeping a boarding house and not registering it as such. Mr. P. W. Goldring, solicitor, of Mr. John Hastings's office, appeared for the defence. He explained that defendant, his partners in business, their sons, shop-assistants, etc., lived above the shop, this being Chinese custom. If this could be taken as overcrowding—in a three-story house, too many European residences, and even the Hongkong Club, would be liable. Legislation was required to amend this ordinance, or it would act as a hardship on many respectable families, Chinese and European.

Mr. Kemp said he would inflict the nominal fine of \$1, if defendant desired to keep so many people on his premises he should register the place as a boarding-house.

Mr. Goldring said his client would shut up shop first; he hoped the ordinance would be amended.

A \$500 FINE.

To Ling admitted possessing 32 taels of opium, and was ordered to pay a fine of \$500. She did so without any hesitation, handing over five \$100 notes.

CHINESE LABOUR FOR THE RAND.

TERMS OF CONTRACT.

The actual form of contract for the enlistment of Chinese labourers for the Rand mines has not yet been published by the Home Government, but the general terms can be gathered from the prospectuses which have been and are being scattered broadcast over the China coast. Until the form fixed upon arrives here there cannot of course be any enrolment of labourers, but we understand that the agencies already established are all in readiness to take on coolies, of whom there is an unlimited number available, as soon as the contract forms are sanctioned by Government have arrived from England.

The prospectuses above mentioned bear that the engagement is for three years from the date of the labourer's arrival. The employer will transport him free of cost by land or sea providing accommodation, food, and medical attendance as required by British laws; a reasonable supply of clothes and other private effects to be carried free of cost. During the engagement employer provides housing, food, and medical attendance free of all charge. At the conclusion of his term the labourer will be transported back whence he came free of cost, and other conditions as before. If the labourer wishes to renew his engagement he can do so in such manner and for such period as the laws provide, and at the end of his extended term he is entitled to free passage home, etc.

The rate of pay is 25/- per calendar month; the day's work not to exceed ten hours, and the labourer not to be compelled to work on Sundays and various Chinese festival days (seven in all) except as overtime. As soon as the labourers arrive at the mines a system of piece-work will be arranged for most kinds of work, and the labourer will have a choice of being paid thus or on a fixed wage system. The piece-work payment will be fixed on such a scale that a really efficient and industrious workman will be able to earn more than 25/- per month, and the best as much as 50/-.

If a labourer is unable to work through sickness he will not get paid for the days he is off but will continue to receive free food and housing. Should a labourer refuse to work or become permanently unable to work from any cause, the employer will be allowed to terminate the engagement, but will be bound to transport him to China. Should he become permanently disabled by an accident incurred in the employer's service, not through his own fault, the employer shall pay to him as compensation 50/-, to be handed to him on landing in China. Should a labourer die from accident under similar conditions, the employer shall pay to his representative (to be named in the contract) the sum of 100/-.

In the event of the labourer dying during his engagement his remains will be buried decently on land according to Chinese custom. If the labourers desire to form societies among themselves for the purpose of embalming or otherwise preserving the bodies of any of their number who may die and send them back to China, every assistance and facility within the power of the employers will be given to these societies, and the body will be transported free of cost to China.

The labourer shall be entitled to make an allotment of his wages to be paid in China to his family or representative, the amount and the name of the receiver to be stated on the contract. This allotment the employer undertakes payment of in China, the first payment to be made at the end of the first month after the labourer's arrival in the Transvaal and the subsequent payments monthly as long as the labourer continues to be employed; no change in this arrangement to be made but by mutual consent. The employer undertakes to advance to each labourer before starting the sum of \$30 for purposes of outfit, making provision for his family, etc., which sum he will have to repay within six months from the date of his commencing work.

CHURCH SERVICES.

S. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.
April 24th; 1st Sunday after Easter.
Holy Communion (7.30 a.m.)
Matins (11.0 a.m.)

Responses, Tallis; Venite, Norell; Psalms, Camidge, Kinkead and Travers; Te Deum, Steggs; in G; Benedictus, Trumbek; in G; Anthem, "O how lovely are Thy dwellings" Barnby; Hymns, 232 & 322.
(Evensong (5.45 p.m.).
(Eve of St. Mark's Day)

Responses, Tallis; Psalms, Fitzherbert; Nave, Rimland and Hinde; Magnificat, Smart in A; Nunc Dimittis, Melley in G; Hymns, 410, 176 & 436; Vesper Hymn—Ward (No. 2); Voluntaries, Offertoire, Barnby, "Chanson Triste," Tschalkowsky.

S. PETER'S CHURCH.
Queen's Road West.
Matins (11 a.m.).
Venite, Smart; Te Deum, Gregory; Benedictus, Smart; Hymns, 91, 485, 593, and 294.
Evensong (6.30 p.m.).

Magnificat, Tullis; Nunc Dimittis, Jones; Hymns, 105, 491, 24, and 592.
Holy Communion, 7.45 p.m.

The Church launch *Daywing* will call on ships carrying white crews to bring friends ashore to the services, between 9.15 and 10.30 a.m., and between 5.15 and 6 p.m. (Kowloon Police Pier 10.30 and 6 p.m.) returning afterwards. The Answering Bells are the call flag. All the sittings are free and unappropriated. Visitors welcome, books, &c., provided. Sunday School 10—10.45 a.m.

GOSPEL HALL.
Arsenal Street, Top Floor, off Queen's Road East.

Meetings are held as follows:—Sunday—Acts 2, 42, 11 a.m.; Gospel Address, 6 p.m. Tuesday—Soldiers' and Sailors' Bible Class 6 p.m. Thursday—General Bible Class, 6 p.m. Sunday—Prayer Meeting, at 6 p.m.

THE "PEDLARS' GUILD."

In an account of the recent attack on the house in Seoul of the Minister for Foreign Affairs, which was instigated by the Pedlars' Guild, the *Korea Review*, referring to that society, says the past few weeks have witnessed almost its dying gasp. Our contemporary points out that what was once a simple mercantile society composed of travelling merchants or pedlars, has been transformed and corrupted into a so-called pedlars' guild which was in truth a gang of desperadoes who under cover of the name "private police" were prepared to do any dirty work that unscrupulous officials in high places saw fit to give them. "They have been the most dangerous element in Seoul all these weeks," continues the *Review*, "and the only anxiety of the foreigners in Seoul was lest this gang of hoodlums should break out in some manner before the arrival of Japanese troops. Now that the Japanese are in power here they have caused a royal edict to be promulgated doing away with the Pedlars' Guild. This naturally was not pleasant to the pedlars and they began plotting against the officials who had injured them. A few weeks ago a man armed with a sword climbed the wall of the Foreign Minister's house and searched the place, but as the Minister was fortunately spending the night elsewhere the assassin could not find him. Enraged at his failure, the felon struck the door-sill of the Minister's private room a vicious blow with his sword and then decamped. The same night three other houses were attacked with explosive bombs, but the material with which they were charged was of such poor quality that they could do little damage. Since that time it has been found out that the ringleaders in these cowardly assaults were—officials who lately held high power on the Russian side of the fence, and at the present moment these men are being sought for and arrested as rapidly as possible. It is certain that when the Russians were influential in Seoul they used the very worst elements in the Government and among the people to effect their ends. The real head of this Pedlars' Guild was an official high in the favour of the Russians."

JAPANESE VIEWS AND AIMS.

Baron Suematsu, who, as our London correspondent announced last month, is on a visit to England, has explained his views to a representative of Reuters's agency. First he said:—"I am not here on any definite mission. I have come to England for reasons of health and again to visit scenes with which I was familiar many years ago, but if I can be of any service to my country by explaining her position at this juncture I shall be very glad." Speaking of Japan's financial position, the Baron said:—"Although we are not so rich as the Great Powers of Europe we can carry on this war with our own money for some years. If a loan be obtainable it will benefit the financial arrangements of the Government and will enable us to make improvements in different directions and to promote public works. But whether a foreign loan be obtainable or not, it will make no difference to the prosecution of the war. We are not waging this war for the purpose of material gain, and, if successful, we have no intention of enlarging our territory. If Russia be beaten we have no intention to take Manchuria. This is far from our desire, which is that Manchuria shall be an integral part of the Chinese Empire. With regard to the railway, its future state will depend upon circumstances, but if Japan is successful, it is clear that the line will be useless to Russia for military purposes. It is difficult to speak of what may happen, and I cannot say what will be the future of such a gigantic country as Russia. All I can say with certainty is that we shall do our work in such a way as to secure peace for at least some decades."

Asked for his views regarding the position of Japan among the nations, Baron Suematsu remarked:—"I have seen a good deal written about the possibility or necessity of Japan adopting Christianity together with Western methods, but the religious aspect of the matter I do not care to discuss. What is called the Yellow Peril seems to me to be a kind of nightmare. For the past thirty or forty years our efforts have been directed to assimilating European ideas and European modern civilisation, and to the eradication of race feelings. In other words, we have sought to make brotherhood with Occidentals, and to adopt their modes of thought and reason. Of course, by this I do not mean that we intend to relinquish our national existence; but if with this the Occidental Powers take us into their brotherhood that is the end of our aspiration. On this matter we feel very grateful to England, who took the first step by giving us a place in international comity by the revision of the Treaties, and subsequently by the sympathy she has shown us from time to time, and especially at this moment. We believe that the Anglo-Japanese Alliance is beneficial for both countries. It benefits England inasmuch as she knows that Japan can be relied on to carry out in the Far East a policy common to both countries. It benefits Japan because our interests are identical with those of our ally. We have done nothing unjust in the present crisis, and we are determined to pursue the policy on which we have embarked and can confidently ask for sympathy in what the future may bring us. But we do not ask for anything more than sympathy. We want no assistance with arms, but without the sympathy of the civilised nations we do not expect to attain our ends. Therefore, we are determined to carry on this war strictly in the sense of modern civilisation."

KIAOCHAU.

[FROM A CORRESPONDENT.]
COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT.

The recent opening to traffic of the whole railway line from Tsintau to Tientsin, the provincial capital of Shantung, a distance of 230 miles, and the approaching completion of the large harbour in Kiaochau Bay offer the brightest prospects for the development of the trade and shipping of Shantung and its new port. Indeed, the growing importance of the improved harbour is well established by the statistical abstracts published by the Imperial Chinese Maritime Customs. The transit of dutiable goods at Tsintau rose, during the year ending on the 31st September last, to 17½ millions Mex. dollars, as against 9½ millions in the two previous years, showing an increase of not less than 81 per cent. As the railway has only just now reached the centre of the silk growing district of the Shantung peninsula, a further large increase in the value of exported goods may be safely anticipated. As regards heavy traffic, coal will soon form an important item, the daily output at the mines having risen from 100 tons in September to 260 tons in December. In the shipping returns the extraordinary advance of the Japanese and English flags is most remarkable. The former was principally brought about by the Osaka Shosen Kaisha running, with a subvention from the Imperial Japanese Government, a regular line of mail steamers from Kobe to Tsintau, bringing the number of Japanese steamers up to 41 against 9 in the previous year. The English flag is now chiefly represented by the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., running, since November, 1903, a regular weekly line between Shanghai and Tsintau. Until now, the Hamburg-American Line had the lion's share in the North-China Coast traffic for the German port; about 67 per cent. of the whole shipping belonging to this single company. Its steamers were also the first that plied directly between the Bund at Tientsin and Tsintau harbour.

If we look at the Customs Returns of non-Chinese wares, we notice in some articles an increase of more than a hundred per cent. over the imports of the previous year. Thus, e.g. the weight of cotton yarns, that paid duty at the Tsintau Chinese Customs, rose from 58,034 piculs to 127,136 piculs; needles, from 33,930 to 75,163 thousand; matches, from 321,797 to 732,498 gross; raw cotton, from 13,275 to 35,138 piculs. Japan especially has been able to get her full share in this rapid advance. The value of her imports, amounting to 651,760 yen in 1901, and 1,626,431 yen in the whole of 1902, was in the period of only eight months, from January to August 1903, entered at 2,323,155 yen worth of dutiable manufactured goods. On the side of the exports, besides coal, silk and bean-oil show the largest increase. From the Report of the German Government we gather that the harbour has led to a flourishing building industry, and that all legal and economical conditions for a large Real Estate Investment Banking Corporation doing profitable business are now existent.

JOINT STOCK SHARES.

Messrs. Vernon & Smyth say in their weekly share report, dated Hongkong, 22nd April, 1904.—During the past week a good general enquiry has continued to prevail and a fair volume of business has been transacted in most of our principal stocks at advancing rates.

BANKS.—Hongkong and Shanghai have ruled firm, and fair sales have been effected at the improved rate of \$857½, at which a few more shares are obtainable. London has advanced to \$24. Nationals have continued in request, and sales have been booked at \$36.

MARINE INSURANCES.—Unions continue in demand and \$520 is now offered without attracting sellers. China Traders have sold and can still be placed at \$60. Yungtans are wanted at \$135 and Cantons at the improved rate of \$185.

FIRE INSURANCES.—Hongtongs have sold and are in further request at \$290. Chinas have been booked at \$83½ and close with probable buyers at the rate.

SHIPPING.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao have again been booked at \$28½ and \$29 and more shares are required for. Indo-Chinas advanced during the early part of the week to \$97, but are somewhat easier at the close with sellers at \$96, buyers at \$95. China and Manila continue on offer at \$21½. Douglas after sales at \$35½ and \$36 are required for at \$36½. Star Ferries have advanced and can now be placed at \$32 and \$20 for the old and new issues respectively. Shell Transports have sold at 22½ and 22½ and close steady.

RE FINANCIAL.—China Sushans have continued to advance, and after sales at \$123 to \$128 are in further demand at the higher rate. Lucans continue neglected at \$10 sellers.

MINING.—No business is reported under this head. Rauba close weak with sellers at \$8.

DOCKS, WHARVES, AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have formed up and now close in request at \$208 after sales at \$206 and \$207 for cash and the settlement. Hongkong and Kowloon Wharves show a further advance, sales having been effected at from \$96 to \$100, the market closing steady at the latter rate. New Amoy Docks have receded to \$125 sellers. Panshams after local sales at \$145 at which rate, however, there are buyers.

LANDS, HOTELS, AND BUILDINGS.—Hongkong Lands have sold at \$147 and close somewhat firmer with buyers at \$148. Kowloon Lands are unchanged at \$35. West Points are required for at \$52. Hongkong Hotels continue steady with probable sellers at \$132. Humphreys's Estates are in request at \$10½ and \$14 for the old and new issues respectively. Shanghai Lands have improved in the North to \$15.108.

COTTON MILLS.—Quotations are unchanged, and no business is reported in this section.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Growth Island Cement has been booked at \$22½. China Boron has improved to \$84 buyers. Watsons have sold and are in further request at \$144. Electricities have buyers at \$13 and \$7 for the old and new issues respectively. Dairy Farms have improved to \$113 buyers and United Asbestos (ordinary) to \$94 after sales at \$9. China Providents have been booked at \$8.90 and Powells at \$9½, the latter closing in further request.

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Hongkong, 10th March, 1904.

PRESS CORRESPONDENTS
IN THE FIELD.

The following regulations for Press correspondents in the field have been issued and a translation published in English by the First Japanese Army Headquarters:—

Art. I.—All the Press correspondents with this Army shall act according to these regulations.

Art. II.—The general affairs concerning Press correspondents shall be under the management of Adjutants, and their supervision and the inspection of their correspondence shall be under the Staff Department.

Lodging and subsistence of Press correspondents in the field shall be directed by the Quartermaster.

Art. III.—Press correspondents shall be commanded by the supervising officer, obey the orders of this Army Headquarters, and act according to the instructions given by it.

Art. IV.—Press correspondents should look and behave decently and should never do anything disorderly.

Art. V.—Press correspondents should take care not to do anything harmful to the troops and never enter the office-rooms of the Headquarters.

Art. VI.—When thought necessary by the Army Headquarters, Press correspondents may be attached to some of the Army's detachments, in which case Press correspondents should be commanded by the commander of that detachment or by the supervising officer and obey his orders.

Art. VII.—Press correspondents shall not go about in the battle-field except at the time and place shown by the supervising officer or the detachment commander.

Art. VIII.—All the correspondence of Press correspondents (including their reports, private letters, telegrams, etc.) must be inspected by the supervising officer before sending.

The supervising officer, after inspecting such correspondence, shall seal (if enveloped) and stamp "passed inspection" upon the envelope, the note-paper, or the telegraphic application paper, and then give it back to the sender.

The name of the correspondent and of the Press he represents, must always be written on the envelope or the front page of the report.

Art. IX.—Correspondence without the inspector's stamp is not allowed.

Art. X.—Correspondence in a foreign language may in some cases be requested to be accompanied by a Japanese translation, or the kind of language to be used may be limited.

Art. XI.—Correspondents must pay particular attention to the following items:

1. Things liable to disturb the public peace or to discredit the troops should not be written.
2. Only the facts of the past may be written in regard to the actions of the troops and never the things to happen in future or of mere supposition.
3. Strength of our troops, their number, their locations, and the time and place of despatching correspondence must not be written unless it is allowed by the supervising officer.

Art. XII.—One representative shall be chosen each among the Japanese and the foreign correspondents. These representatives are to go between the Headquarters and the correspondents in regard to matters concerning the correspondents in general.

Art. XIII.—These regulations are to be applied to the interpreters and servants of Press correspondents.

SHIPPING NOTES.

WEATHER.

H.M.S. *Esperance*, experienced moderate monsoon between Weihaiwei and Hongkong. The *Hongkong* from the Straits reports fine weather to the Paracels, thence to port from monsoon and heavy weather. The *Decima* from Saigon and the *Angkor* from Bangkok report likewise.

THE ENGLISH MAIL.

The P. & O. s.s. *Chuan* arrived from Bombay yesterday.

RICE.

The *Angkor* from Bangkok has 2,100 tons of rice for Messrs. Butterfield & Swire. The *Decima* from Saigon has 1,200 tons of rice for Messrs. Siemssen & Co.

COAL.

The *Standard*, from Cardiff, passing through this port, has 1,740 tons of coal on board.

THE "PROXIMATE."

The *Proximate* from Liverpool (Messrs. Butterfield & Swire) has 6,800 tons of cargo for China coast ports, etc.

THE "BANCA."

The P. & O. s.s. *Banca*, the well-known turret-ship, arrived from Bombay with between 900 and 1,000 tons of cargo for the Far East.

THE "HONG MOH."

The *Hong Moh*, from Penang and Singapore, local agents Messrs. Joo Tek Sang, had 1,086 Chinese deck passengers, and 2,800 tons of cargo. These vessels may be taking a deal of cargo away from the Hongkong companies on the Hongkong-Calcutta run.

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Bayern*, carrying the German mails with dates from Berlin of the 29th March, left Singapore on Friday, at 10 a.m., and may be expected here on Tuesday, the 26th inst., at 5 p.m.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Oldenberg* left Aden on Wednesday, at 6 p.m., and may be expected here on Tuesday, the 10th prox.

The A.L. steamer *Frank Zerdine* left Meiji for this port on the 21st inst.

The C.P.R. steamer *Tartar* arrived at Kobe at noon on Wednesday, the 20th inst., and left again at 6.30 p.m. Thursday, via Nagasaki for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 8 a.m. on Monday, the 25th inst.

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Hongkong, 18th February, 1904.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

NOTICE.

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Hongkong, 2nd April, 1904. [1933]

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Hongkong, 23rd April, 1904. [1084]

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No. 30, Coleridge Street, Hongkong.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1904. [1085]

THE NORTH CHINA INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

SCRIP LOST.

SCRIP Certificate of Four shares numbered 3443 to 3446 inclusive and registered at the Head Office in the name of WING WO (永和) has been declared to be lost, stolen or mislaid, and application having been made to the Court of Directors for a duplicate, notice is hereby given that unless the said certificate is presented, or any objection lodged at the Office of the Company in Shanghai on or before the 14th May, 1904, a new Certificate will be issued.

By Order of the Court of Directors.

WM. GEO. BAYNE, Secretary.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1904. [1086]

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction, (FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED), on

SATURDAY, the 30th APRIL, 1904, at Noon, alongside the Douglas S.S. Co.'s Wharf,

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Hongkong, 23rd April, 1904. [1087]

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THE Imperial German Mail Steamship

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Captain H. Formes, due here with the outward German Mail about TUESDAY, at 5 P.M., will leave for the above places about 12/24 hours after arrival.

NORDDEUTSCHER LLOYD.

For further Particulars, apply to

MELCHERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1904. [5]

PORTLAND AND ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

STEAMSHIP "INDRAVELLI" FROM PORTLAND (OR.), YOKOHAMA, KOBE, AND MOJI.

THE above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for consignments, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding the discharge of this Vessel will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

ALLAN CAMERON, General Agent.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1904. [14]

THE HONGKONG WEEKLY PRESS and CHINA OVERLAND TRADE REPORT is now ready and contains—

Leading Articles—

Conditions of the Present War.

Unrest in China.

The Kowloon-Canton Railway.

The China Tea Trade.

Hongkong Jointings.

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Hongkong Legislative Council.

Hongkong Sanitary Board.

Japan During the War.

Russian Military Blunders.

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THE Company's Steamship

"THALES"

Captain Robson, will be despatched for the above port TO DAY, the 23rd inst., at 4 P.M.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

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Hongkong, 22nd April, 1904. [1081]



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THE Company's Steamship

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Captain Matevich, will be despatched as above on THURSDAY, the 28th inst., P.M.

For information as to Passage and Freight, apply to

SANDER, WIELER & CO., Agents.

Princes' Building.

Hongkong, 23rd April, 1904. [3]

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

AND

CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

CONSIGNEES per Company's Steamer

"PROMETHEUS,"

are hereby notified that the Cargo is being discharged into Craft, and/or landed at the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., where in both cases it will lie at Consignees' risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Craft or Godown on and after the 25th inst.

Optional cargo will be landed, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined at 11 A.M. on the 25th inst.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 25th inst. will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 2nd May, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd April, 1904. [10-11]

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamer

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FROM BOMBAY AND STRAITS.

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No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatever.

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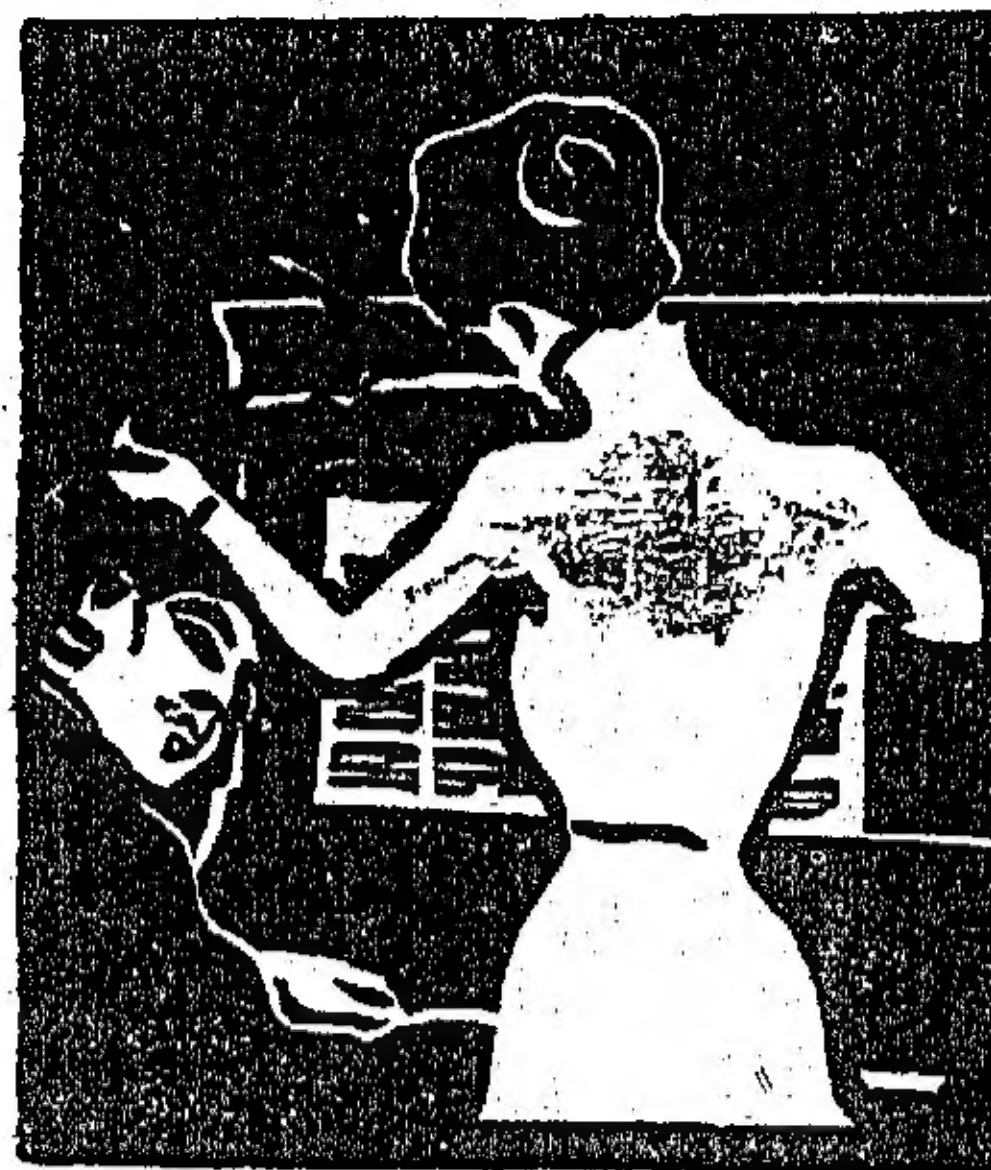
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OUR PARIS LETTER.

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Not satisfied with expelling monks and nuns, M. Combes has taken further drastic measures, with the object of suppressing such monastic orders in France that refuse to conform to the regulations of the Government. His latest Bill, abolishing all their schools, and prohibiting all monks and nuns from teaching, save in private, is declared to be an infringement of the guaranteed liberties of the people. The Premier has come to the conclusion that "clerical teachers deform the minds of French youth," an opinion shared by the majority in the Chamber of Deputies, judging by the significant fact that the Bill has been declared urgent by 310 to 262 votes. M. Ribot and a few other respectable members of the Republican party voted against the Bill, for various reasons, partly on the ground of expenses, and the rights of citizenship; the day is past, however, when M. Ribot could command a majority in the Chamber, while it is only loss of a victory against opposing, much less of scoring a victory against so formidable a person as M. Combes. The Bill has evidently been most carefully planned out, since the State will not only provide substitutes for the said schools at a cost of £2,400,000, but will in addition expend another £320,000 on increasing the number of male and female teachers in the country. "Liberty, Equality, Fraternity," the motto of Republican France, stands out in strange contrast with the "autocracy" of M. Combes, who never was more determined to put an end to the voracious religious question, before it reaches the uncontrollable stage.

The programme of M. Loubet's visit has at last been made public. All being well the President will leave Paris by special train on Saturday the 24th of next month, arriving next day at Spezia, where, if there is no strike, he will be present at the launching of a battleship by Queen Helene. In case of labour troubles, the presidential train will proceed direct to Rome. M. Loubet, like the rest of his countrymen, attaches a great deal of importance to the Italian visit, which is already predicted to be a political and social success. The Italians are as anxious as the French that the greatest friendship should exist between the two Latin sister nations. A few official visits, followed by a Court dinner, will celebrate the day of arrival of M. Loubet. The gala performance to be given at the Argentina Theatre in honour of the illustrious guest and his party promises to be exceptionally brilliant and will equal in point of splendour the State representation given to the King and Queen of Italy when they were in Paris. The reception at the Capitol by Italian Municipality, and a grand review, will further impress M. Loubet how the citizens of Rome desire to make his stay in their capital as welcome as possible. Naples too will be visited, where there will also be a gala performance given at the San Carlo Theatre, and an imposing naval review. It is now known that M. Loubet will be accompanied by his distinguished husband on his journey south. Nothing is mentioned about a visit to the Vatican, where M. Loubet could hardly expect to be received *en amice* after the way the religious orders have been, and are still, treated in France by M. Combes. M. Loubet is certainly placed in an awkward position. If he goes to Italy without visiting the Pope he is certain to cause considerable trouble; yet, he is well aware that he is not wanted. How this very delicate point is to be settled few can tell.

M. Polletan, the Minister of Marine, is anxious to obtain fair play in the campaign being conducted against him by his numerous enemies—chiefly advocates of the colonial policy. The Minister's recent statement before the Budget Committee of the Chamber, respecting the state of the French Naval forces abroad, is a straightforward one, and speaks for itself as far as M. Polletan is concerned. He knew what his countrymen expected from him, and they could rely upon him to do his duty so far as was in his power. Those that considered M. Polletan as a man of straw, or as one afraid to speak his mind, were strongly mistaken; even the members of the Budget Committee did not frighten him. No one was more willing to communicate any documents bearing on the Navy than M. Polletan, but as for those bearing on national defence, especially those concerning submarines, these he strictly refused to hand over to anyone, not even the Budget Committee. The Minister refused to agree to any sort of an inquiry examining the character of a judicial examination, and declined to enter into his relations with his subordinates. What has M. Polletan done since he was appointed head of the Admiralty? He lost no time in reinforcing and bringing up to date the French squadron in the Far East; that was more than his predecessor had done. He had had all his subordinates provided for in the estimates to be laid down. Before he was Minister of Marine he laid down every year, twenty-two had been put on the stocks this year, and fifty more were to be laid down. M. Polletan strongly denied the charge that the shortage of sailors was now greater than in the time of his predecessors, and he refuted the criticism levelled at the naval personnel generally, declaring the present condition of things to be fairly satisfactory. The Minister further affirmed that the northern and Mediterranean squadrons, which could sail at a moment's notice, despite what was said to the middle of next month. Stocks of coal were fairly good into the bargain. M. Polletan rightly thinks that he is entitled to a little fairer treatment—so think his friends, who firmly believe him to be a conscientious patriot above all things.

The French were sincerely sorry to hear of the death of the Duke of Cambridge, hopes of whose recovery were almost given up since a week. The deceased had become as familiar a person both in Paris and France as his late cousin, Queen Victoria, for both of whom the French had the greatest respect and esteem. As every winter came round they looked forward with pleasure to the visit of His Royal Highness to the South of France, and Paris where the aged veteran often stopped, by way of breaking the long journey. The Paris Press paid very flattering tributes to the late Duke, while military more than appreciated the aged royal soldier; many old French pensioners now in the Invalides—the French Chelsea Hospital—remember how bravely H.K.R. fought during the Crimean War, alongside the French. The

members of the British Colony expected his death since some days; and though regretting the loss of one who had done so much for his country, and served it so creditably in the field, found consolation in the fact that the oldest member of the English Royal Family has passed away so peacefully, when on the eve of eighty-five years of age. A special service will be held in the British Embassy Church at which not only the British Ambassador and members of the British Colony will be present, but several distinguished persons representing the French military, naval, and other official world. President Loubet will be represented, so will most of the Foreign Embassies.

The Irish Colony in Paris never fails to keep up St. Patrick's Day, whether wet or fine, in which the most of the British Colony, including several Americans, join. Shamrock is duly worn, though very little of it is sold in Paris; leading florists have it sent to them from the Emerald Isle to order. A few Frenchmen, who are in sympathy with the Irish, and on the side of Home Rule, though the latter is as dead as Queen Anne—wear a small sprig of the green in their button-holes. The special concert especially organised by enterprising members of the British Colony in honour of the 17th was a great success. Irish melodies were ever charming. Irishmen manage to dine together the same evening, and drink to the "health" of their patron saint—whose memory will never die out.

It is the firm belief of the French commercial world that something more might be done to develop trade between France and the United States. The recent report of M. Jules Siegfried, ex-Minister of Commerce, as presented to the Chamber des Deputes, is a very interesting document, and well worth the attentive perusal of all Frenchmen. The reason why France sells so few goods to America only fifteen cents' worth for each inhabitant in the United States, is that American tariffs are prohibitive. Let nations be made on the American side accordingly, and the amount of French goods sold in the States will rapidly increase. France is urged to try and obtain a reciprocity treaty with America. It is no secret that American goods in France are subject to higher duties than those of any other great nation, simply because by special conventions the other nations receive the minimum rates of the French tariff, while the United States are, as it were, left alone under the maximum rate. Now that France is on such good terms with England, and is very anxious to be on an equal footing with America, it is not difficult to see that the United States should be treated on an equal basis. Every encouragement ought to be given to delegates from the French Chamber of Commerce, and other similar institutions, to go over to the United States, as they did a little while ago to London, and induce American representatives to come to France. This is the best way to bring about commercial reform, and an increase of business.

Beyond rumours more or less probable, the news from the Far East is, to say the least, monotonous. Very little that is really accurate is known about the Russo-Japanese war, still getting the worse from the Japanese—who are practically masters of the situation both on land and sea. The Russians are inclined to play another waiting game, until the severe weather breaks; the Japanese are meanwhile keeping them on the move night and day, smashing up what remains of the Russian fleet, and making things otherwise uncomfortable for them on land. Port Arthur will eventually fall into the hands of the Japanese, as the Russians can not prevent them; to abandon the place before it is too late would be wise policy, since they will have "Togo" sooner or later. The talk of General Kuropatkin creates smiles, in order to finish with Japan at the end of July, he must first make a beginning. The General, who is full of boasts, intends to operate *en amice* in order to give Japan a lesson, and to occupy their islands as soon as he shall crush the Japanese in Corea and Manchuria. Finally, the Treaty of Peace shall be signed at Tokyo and nowhere else. Judging by such a flow of fine words, General Kuropatkin anticipates a walk over the Japs. He will soon find out his mistake, when he gets nearer to the line of fire. One cannot help expressing surprise at such tall talk, emanating from one who is considered as a serious man and a first-class soldier. He would not discourage his countrymen as he has done, the French should be so sure of their feet, he must know that it was all nonsense, to indulge in such predictions. The Russians are not a match for the Japanese on sea, despite all their powerful big ships, on which so much faith was placed; the remarkable appliances used by the victorious for fighting in the dark have quite baffled their enemy, who never dreamt that war tools of this description existed. When the Japanese Navy possesses so many surprises, it may be taken for certain that the Japanese Army also is equally well provided.

People talk as little as they can about the new Dreyfus trial. This cannot be wondered at, considering how weary all Frenchmen are of the whole business, which apparently seems to have no end. The Press merely records the proceedings of the trial from day to day, indulging in few criticisms, so as not to stir up strife or create any sort of an agitation. Public opinion is willing that *L'Affaire Dreyfus* shall be settled according to the laws of evidence. The Court de Cassation, which it will be remembered ordered a supplementary inquiry by the Criminal Chamber, is almost certain to support the conclusions of M. Boyer's report, when the full Court, as already observed, will have to decide whether it will annul the Rennes verdict, or order another court-martial. Ex-Captain Dreyfus has had to suffer for the sins of other, who substituted his name for that of another person.

Consumption and alcoholism are to be stamped out of the country at all costs; the lead in this direction has been taken by the Premier himself, M. Combes. The circular which has been issued by that gentleman has had for result to wake up the public authorities, and to force them to take action. Tuberculosis is henceforth to be combated in a most effective manner, according to the instructions of the Premier. Several of the leading hospitals in Paris have been re-organized, so as to be ready for the reception of consumptive patients only. M. Combes has come to the conclusion that isolation, plenty of good food, light, and fresh air, are the most favourable conditions under which tuberculosis stands a chance of being cured. It is not to be expected that patients in mixed hospitals can be cured from the dreadful affliction; the curing of

consumption in any case is as slow a process as the contraction of the disease. Parisians, who do not agree with M. Combes on the religious question, are only too happy to accord him their support in his efforts to battle against and combat tuberculosis, which tends to become so prevalent in France.

The "Fair of Paris"—a rival to the well-known Leipzig gathering—opened last Thursday under the most happy of auspices. It occupies the site of the Old Temple Market, where second-hand clothes and boots were chiefly sold. The "Fair" consists of nearly 800 stands, all occupied, the show articles ranging from penny toys to pianos. Buyers, who were mostly Germans, were very numerous, the place being also crowded with other foreign visitors who also purchased a few articles. The opening ceremony took place in fine weather. The Minister of Commerce, who was attended by a distinguished company, met with a warm reception, while a military band struck up the Marseillaise. The "Fair" is to be a commercial exhibition where wholesale buyers from every part of France as well as from abroad may gather once a year and do business, just as at the Leipzig Fair. Small customers, however, are not wanted; should the presence of many Americans be significant; no one is smarter than the "Yankee" for extracting the brain out of any paying concern in any part of the civilised world.

The French theatrical world is keenly following the progress being made of establishing a permanent French theatre in London—an old idea, which Parisians have long tried to popularise. It is firmly believed that a venture of this kind would certainly pay in the long run, judging by the tremendous success recorded by French companies every summer in London. M. Armand Silvestre is already in treaty with Mmes. Garnier, Rejane, and others, and hopes before long to be able to give more details as to the new theatre which he proposes to have built in the English capital. M. Silvestre is quite aware of the fact that the French Colony in London being small, it could not be expected to keep the theatre going on its own account, English playgoers must be chiefly relied upon. In that case Mr. Silvestre will have to show himself a man of extraordinary penetration. Strange to say, the English public is in many respects diametrically opposed to the French theatre-going public, so that what suits one will not suit the other. It doesn't follow that because such stars as Sarah Bernhardt, Rejane, and Jeanne Garnier can always draw an audience, only for a few weeks, that less known players can do so. This is one of the principal difficulties which must be solved before the idea of any French theatre can be entertained. M. Silvestre is a very experienced man in theatrical matters happily, and is certain to act accordingly.

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CLEARANCES.

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22nd April.
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DEPARTURES.

22nd April.
BOURBON, French str., for Saigon.
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FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVING
TAMSU, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"FRITHJOF"	SUNDAY, 24th April, at 10 A.M.
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TAMSU, VIA SWATOW AND AMOY	"M. STRUYE"	SUNDAY, 1st May, at 10 A.M.
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STEAMERS	SAILING DATES, 1904
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY ... 27th April
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY ... 25th May
OLDENBURG	WEDNESDAY ... 8th June
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY ... 22nd June
ZIEFEN	WEDNESDAY ... 6th July
SEYDLITZ	WEDNESDAY ... 20th July
ROON	WEDNESDAY ... 3rd August
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY ... 17th August
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	WEDNESDAY ... 31st August
PRINZ HEINRICH	WEDNESDAY ... 14th September
GNEISENAU	WEDNESDAY ... 28th September
BAYERN	WEDNESDAY ... 12th October
SACHSEN	WEDNESDAY ... 26th October
ZIEFEN	WEDNESDAY ... 9th November
PRINZESS ALICE	WEDNESDAY ... 23rd November
PRINZ REGENT LUITPOLD	WEDNESDAY ... 7th December
PREUSSEN	WEDNESDAY ... 21st December
PRINZ EITEL FRIEDRICH	WEDNESDAY ... 4th January 19

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GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"ULYSSES"	On 7th May.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TEENKAT"	On 13th May.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"CALCHAS"	On 19th May.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"DARDANUS"	On 25th May.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"YANOTSE"	On 31st May.	
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"DIOMED"	On 6th June.	

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON and ANTWERP	"TELEMACHUS"	On 25th April.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"ANTENOR"	On 10th May.
GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"ACHILLES"	On 20th May.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"ACINOUS"	On 24th May.
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Hongkong, 20th April, 1904. [10-11]

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SHANGHAI	"HANYANG"	On 23rd April, P.M.
SHANGHAI	"SHAOHSING"	On 24th April, A.M.
SHANGHAI	"WHAM-POA"	On 24th April, P.M.
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 25th April, P.M.
MANILA	"SUNGKIANG"	On 27th April.
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MAEBURG	HAVRE, BREMEN and HAMBURG (Calling at Singapore and Penang)	On 17th May. Freight.
STRASSBURG	HAVRE and HAMBURG (Calling at Singapore and Penang)	On 31st May. Freight & Passengers.
SEGOVIA	HAVRE and HAMBURG (Calling at Singapore and Penang)	On 14th June. Freight.
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Hongkong, 4th August, 1897. [8]

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before Noon, To-day, 18th inst., requesting
it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
Undersigned, the Goods remaining unclaimed after
Monday, the 25th April, at Noon, will be
subject to rent and landing charges.
All claims must be sent in to me on or before
the 25th April, or they will not be recognised.
All damaged packages will be examined on
Monday, the 25th April, at 3 P.M.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.
Hongkong, 18th April, 1904. [2]

FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP,
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THE H.A.L. Steamship
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Captain Forst, having arrived from the
above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby
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counter-signature by the Undersigned and to
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have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining
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to rent.

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HAMBURG-AMERIKA LINIE,
Hongkong Office.
Hongkong, 18th April, 1904. [1043]

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Hongkong, 18th April, 1904. [10-11]

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POST OFFICE NOTICES.

Until further notice the transmission of correspondence via the Trans-Siberian Railway is discontinued.

The *Bayern*, with the German mail, left Singapore on Friday, the 22nd inst., at 10 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Tuesday, the 26th inst., at 5 p.m.

The *Coptic*, with the American mail, will leave Yokohama on Friday, the 22nd inst., via Kobe, Nagasaki and Manila, and may be expected here on or about Monday, the 2nd prox.

MAILS WILL CLOSE

FOR	PER	DATE
Canton	Hongkong	Saturday, 23rd, 7.30 A.M.
Shanghai	Hongkong	Saturday, 23rd, 9.00 A.M.
Manila	Hongkong	Saturday, 23rd, 9.00 A.M.
Tourane and Quihuone	Hongkong	Saturday, 23rd, 10.00 A.M.
Kuchinotzu	Hongkong	Saturday, 23rd, 10.00 A.M.
Amoy	Hongkong	Saturday, 23rd, 10.00 A.M.
Europe &c., India via Tutuorin	Hongkong	Saturday, 23rd, 10.00 A.M.
(Late Letters 11.00 to 11.30 A.M. Extra Postage 10 cents.)		
(Supplementary mail on board up to the time fixed for departure of the mail)		
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(Letters posted in the Peak Pillar Boxes in time for the first clearance will be included in this contract mail.)		
Macao	Hongkong	Saturday, 23rd, 1.15 P.M.
Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne	Hongkong	Saturday, 23rd, 3.00 P.M.
Swatow	Hongkong	Saturday, 23rd, 3.00 P.M.
Moji and Salma Cruz (Mex.)	Hongkong	Saturday, 23rd, 3.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Hongkong	Saturday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Amoy	Hongkong	Saturday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Shanghai	Hongkong	Saturday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Namiao	Hongkong	Saturday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Sanbu	Hongkong	Saturday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Hongkong	Saturday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Swatow, Amoy and Tamsui	Hongkong	Saturday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Namiao	Hongkong	Saturday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Sanbu	Hongkong	Saturday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Macao	Hongkong	Saturday, 23rd, 5.00 P.M.
Canton	Hongkong	Sunday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
Bangkok	Hongkong	Sunday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
Macao	Hongkong	Sunday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
Hohow, Singapore and Bangkok	Hongkong	Sunday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
Moji	Hongkong	Sunday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
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Macao	Hongkong	Sunday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
Singapore, Penang and Calcutta	Hongkong	Sunday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai	Hongkong	Sunday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
Amoy, Straits and Rangoon	Hongkong	Sunday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver (B.C.)	Hongkong	Sunday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
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Manila	Hongkong	Sunday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
Cebu and Iloilo	Hongkong	Sunday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
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Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco	Hongkong	Sunday, 24th, 9.00 A.M.
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TO DAY.

Sale, Stamps, Sales Rooms, Mr. V. I. Remedios, 2 p.m.

Sale, Pekin Curios, Sales Rooms, Messrs. Hughes & Hought, 2.30 p.m.

Smoking Club, Club Gymnasium, Kowloon, 9 p.m.

COMMERCIAL.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

ON LONDON.	ON LONDON.
Telegraphic Transfer	1.94
Bank Bills, on demand	1.94
Bank Bills, at 30 days' sight	1.94
Bank Bills, at 4 months' sight	1.94
Credits, at 4 months' sight	1.94
Documentary Bills, 4 months' sight	1.94
ON PARIS.	ON PARIS.
Bank Bills, on demand	2.24
Credits, at 4 months' sight	2.24
ON GERMANY.	ON GERMANY.
On demand	1.81
ON NEW YORK.	ON NEW YORK.
Bank Bills, on demand	4.31
Credits, 60 days' sight	4.4
ON BOMBAY.	ON BOMBAY.
Telegraphic Transfer	1.32
Bank, on demand	1.32
ON CALCUTTA.	ON CALCUTTA.
Telegraphic Transfer	1.32
Bank, on demand	1.32
ON SHANGHAI.	ON SHANGHAI.
Bank, at sight	7.21
Private, 30 days' sight	7.21
ON YOKOHAMA.	ON YOKOHAMA.
On demand	Nominal
ON MANILA.	ON MANILA.
On demand	Nominal
ON BATAVIA.	ON BATAVIA.
On demand	1.06
ON HAIKONG.	ON HAIKONG.
On demand	2.4 p.m.
ON SINGAPORE.	ON SINGAPORE.
On demand	2 p.m.
SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate.	SOVEREIGNS, Bank's Buying Rate.
GOLD LEAF, 100 fine, per tola	\$11.20
BAR SILVER, per oz.	\$58.75

OPIUM.

Quotations are:—	Allowance set, to 1 catty.
Malwa New	\$1000 to \$1040 per picul
Malwa Old	\$1000 to \$1100
Malwa Older	\$1120 to \$1160
Malwa V. Old	\$1180 to \$1220
Persian fine quality	\$890 to
Persian extra fine	\$910 to
Patoa Old	\$1345 to
Patoa New	\$1355 to
Bonares New	\$1345 to
Bonares Old	\$1345 to

VESSELS EXPECTED.

THE GERMAN MAIL.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Prinz Heinrich* left Kobe via Nagasaki and Shanghai on Monday, a.m., and may be expected here on Tuesday, the 26th inst.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Bayern* left Singapore on Friday, at 10 a.m., and may be expected here on Tuesday, the 26th inst., at 6 p.m.

The Imperial German mail steamer *Oldenburg* left Aden on Wednesday, at 8 p.m., and may be expected here on Tuesday, the 10th prox.

THE INDIAN MAIL.

The steamer *Catherine* leaves from Calcutta, left Singapore for this port on the 20th inst., p.m., and is due here on the 25th inst.

The Indo-China steamer *Empress of Japan* left Calcutta for this port via the Straits on the 17th inst., and may be expected here on the 4th prox.

THE AMERICAN MAIL.

The P.M. steamer *Korea* left San Francisco for this port via Honolulu, &c., on the 15th inst.

The O. & O. steamer *Coptic*, from San Francisco, leaves Yokohama for this port via Kobe, &c., on the 22nd inst.

THE CANADIAN MAIL.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of Japan* left Vancouver on the 15th inst., p.m., for Hongkong via the usual ports of call.

The F. & A. steamer *Empire* left Manila on the 20th inst., and is due here on the 23rd inst., at daylight.

THE H.A.L. STEAMER.

The H.A.L. steamer *Strasbourg*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 19th inst., a.m., and may be expected here on the 25th inst., at daylight.

The Ben Line steamer *Bennolt*, from Antwerp and London, left Singapore on the 20th inst. for this port.

THE O.S.S. & C.M. STEAMER.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Teiyo*, from London and Antwerp, is expected here from Shanghai on the 25th inst., at daylight.

The A.L. steamer *Empire* left Manila for this port on the 21st inst.

THE J.C.J. LIN STEAMER.

The J.C.J. Lin steamer *Typhoon* left Macao for this port on the 19th inst., and may be expected here on the 28th inst.

The C.P.R. steamer *Tartar* arrived at Kobe at noon on Wednesday, the 20th inst., and left again at 6.30 p.m., Thursday, via Nagasaki for Shanghai, where she is due to arrive at 8 a.m. on Monday, the 25th inst.

THE O.S.S. & C.M. STEAMER.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Pingyue* left Victoria (B.C.) on the 24th ult. for Japan and Hongkong.

The Boston Steamship Co.'s steamer *Shawmut* left Victoria for Yokohama and the usual ports on the 1st inst.

THE O.S.S. & C.M. STEAMER.

The O.S.S. & C.M. steamer *Agamemnon* should leave Victoria (B.C.) for Japan and Hongkong on the 21st inst.

The P. & A. steamer *Indrapura* left Portland for Hongkong via Japan ports on the 8th inst., and is expected here on the 11th prox.

STEAMERS PASSED THE CANAL.

April 5th—*Pera*, *Theodoros*, *Ella*, *Sagami*, *Bayern*, *Deutsche*, *Gerd*, *8th—Ernest Simons*, *Titanica*, *Gisela*, *Verona*, *Ulysses*, *Don*, *Segovia*, *Algonia*, *Plantanus*. 12th—*Socotra*, *Therapsid*, *Sand*. 15th—*Courfield*, *Calculus*, *Indrapura*, *Sydney*, *Teenkai*, *Borneo*, *Silverpit*, 19th—*Vindobona*, *Elaine*, *Heinrich*, *Sithonia*.

ARRIVALS AT HOME.

April 5th—*Seydlitz*, *Toslor*, *Hudson*, *Kludch*, *8th—Australia*. 9th—*Palermo*, 12th—*C. Ford*, *Laeta*, *Keeman*. 13th—*Palma*. 15th—*Radnorshire*. 19th—*Moyane*, *Oanfa*.

PASSENGERS.

Per *Chusan*, for Hongkong, from London, Capt. Greet, R.N., Lieut. R. S. Hewlett and J. S. Harris, 2nd Lieut. K. E. L. Creighton,

HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAM.

WAYS COMPANY, LIMITED.

TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.	NIGHT CARS.	SUNDAYS.
7.30 a.m. to 8.00 a.m. Every 10 minutes.	1.45 a.m. to 9.00 p.m. Every 15 minutes.	9.00 a.m. to 9.30 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
8.00 a.m. to 8.30 a.m. Every 10 minutes.	9.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.	9.30 a.m. to 10.00 a.m. Every 15 minutes.
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JOINT STOCK SHARES.

HONGKONG, 22nd April.

STOCKS.	No. of SHARES.	Issue PRICE.	PAID UP.	LAST DIVIDEND.	CLOSING QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.					
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation ...	80,000	\$125	\$125	{ 30-div. & 10-bonus at 1/8=22.50 per share for 2nd half- year ended 31-12-1903	\$657, sellers. London £64.
National Bank of China, Ltd. (20,010 A 14,431 B 750 fdrs.)		\$100	\$100	{ 30-div. & 10-bonus at 1/8=22.50 per share for 2nd half- year ended 31-12-1903	\$36, sales & buyers. \$36, sales & buyers. \$10.
MARINE INSURANCES.					
Union Ins. Society, Ltd.	10,000	\$250	\$100	\$32 for 1902	\$520, buyers.
China Traders' Ins. Co., Ltd.	24,000	\$83.33	\$25	{ 10-pct. for 1902 and 30-4/10	\$591, buyers.
North China Ins. Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$15	\$25	{ Final of 21-making in all £2 for 1902	Fls. 673, sellers.
Yangtze Ins. Assoc., Ltd.	8,000	\$100	\$80	\$12=20 p. ct. for 1901	\$135, buyers.
Canton Insurance Office, Ltd.	10,000	\$250	\$50	\$15 for 1902	\$185, buyers.
FIRE INSURANCES.					
Hongkong Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	8,000	\$250	\$50	\$224 for 1902	\$200, buyers.
China Fire Ins. Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$100	\$80	\$7 for 1902	\$231.
SHIPPING.					
Hongkong, Canton, and Macao S. S. Co., Ltd.	80,000	\$15	\$15	{ \$1.50 for half year ended 31-12-1903	\$20, buyers.
Indo-China S. S. Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	\$10	{ 5 per cent. for 1902 at 1/8	\$80, sellers.
China & Manila S. S. Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$50	\$50	{ 10 p. c. for 1900	\$214, sellers.
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	20,000	\$50	\$50	{ 6 per cent. for year ending 30-9-1903	\$381, buyers.
Star Ferry Co., Limited	20,000	{ \$10 \$10	{ \$10 \$5	{ 12 per cent. for year ended 30-4-03	{ \$32, buyers. \$30, buyers.
Shell Transport & Trading Co., Limited	2,000,000	\$1	\$1	{ Int. div. of 1s. p. share (coupon No. 4) on account of 1903	22s. 6d. 6s.
Do. Preference	100,000	\$10	\$10		
REFINERIES.					
China Sugar Refining Com- pany, Limited	20,000	\$100	\$100	{ Fin. of 7 p. c. making all 12 p. c. for 1901	\$128 buyers.
Luxon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	7,000	\$100	\$100	\$3 for 1907	\$10, sellers.
MINING.					
Panjo Mining Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$11	\$11	None	75 cts. sellers.
Do. Preference	30,000	\$1	\$1		5 cts.
Goldfield of New Zealand	10,000	Fls. 250	Fls. 250	{ Fin. div. of Fls. 80 p. s. on account of 1902	\$600.
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Limited	200,000	\$1	\$1	{ 1 p. share=8s cts., 12th div.	\$6, sellers.
DOCKS, WHARVES, &c.					
Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Limited	50,000	\$50	\$50	{ 12 p. c. & 2 p. c. bonus for half year 31-12-1903	\$208, buyers.
Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Dock Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$50	\$50	{ 15 p. c. making in all 10 p. c. for 1903	\$100.
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	5,000	\$61	\$61	\$24 for 1902	\$324, sellers.
S. C. Farman, Boyd & Co., Ltd.	55,700	Fls. 100	Fls. 100	{ Int. 5 p. c. on acc. for 1901	Fls. 145, buyers.
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.					
Hongkong Land Invest- ment & Agency Co., Ltd.	50,000	\$100	\$100	{ Fin. of \$6 making \$12 for 1903	\$149, buyers.
West Point B. Co., Ltd.	12,500	\$50	\$50	{ 2.50 per share for 1903	\$35.
Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.	12,000	\$50	\$50	{ Fin. of \$1.70 making \$3.20 for 1903	\$52, buyers.
Humphreys Estate & Fin. Co., Limited	100,000	\$10	\$10	{ 10 p. ct. for half year ended 31-12-1903	\$132, sellers.
Shanghai Land	52,000	Fls. 50	Fls. 50	{ 90 cts. per share for 1903	\$104, buyers. \$220, buyers.
				{ Fin. of 0 p. c. also 4 p. c. bonus making in all 10 p. c. for 1903	Fls. 108.
COTTON MILLS.					
Ewo Cotton Spinning and W. Co., Limited	20,000	Fls. 50	Fls. 50	{ 8 per cent. for 1903	Fls. 33, sellers.
International Cotton Mfg. Company, Limited	10,000	Fls. 75	Fls. 75	2 p. c. on account of 1903	Fls. 25.
Wan-king-mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Company, Limited	8,000	Fls. 100	Fls. 100	{ 2 p. c. on account of 1903 on 0 p. c. shares	Fls. 321.
Wan Chue Cotton Spin. Co., Ltd.	2,000	Fls. 500	Fls. 500	{ 4 p. c. for period ending 31-12-1903	Fls. 170.
Hongkong Cotton Spin- ning and Weaving Company, Limited	125,000	\$10	\$10	{ Fin. of 0 p. c. making in all 10 p. c. for year end 31-7-03	\$141, sellers.
MISCELLANEOUS.					
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	100,000	\$10	\$10	15 p. c. for 1903	\$224.
China Portland Cement Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$12	\$12	5 per cent. for 1903	\$41, buyers.
S. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.	60,000	\$10	\$10	{ Interim of 50 cts. per share on account of 1903	\$144, sales & buyers.
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	30,000	\$10	\$10	30 cts. year 30-4-03	13, buyers.
Hongkong and China Gas Company, Limited	30,000	\$10	\$10	15 cts. year 30-7-03	\$7, buyers.
Hongkong Rope Mfg. Co., Ltd.	7,000	\$10	\$10	10 p. ct. div. & 1 p. ct. bonus for 1902	\$140, buyers.
W. Fenwick & Co., Ltd.	10,000	\$25	\$25	20 per cent. for 1903	\$140, sellers.
	6,000	\$25	\$25	15 per cent. for 1903	\$47, sellers.
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	4,000	\$25	\$25	{ Final of \$12 mak- ing in all \$16 per share for 1903	\$216, sellers.
High-Level Tramway Company, Limited	1,250	\$100	\$100	{ \$20 for year ended 30-11-1902	\$300.
Steam Water-boat Co., Limited	7,500	\$10	\$10	{ Final of 6 per cent. making in all 12 per cent. for year 30-9-03	\$151, sellers.
Wai Yee Farm Company, Ltd.	10,000	\$71	\$6	\$11 for year ended 31-7-03	\$13, buyers.
W. H. Moore & Co., Ltd.	1,200	\$10	\$10	30 per cent. for 1903	\$7, sellers.
Asbestos Eastern Agency, Limited	8,604	12/6	12/6	None	\$5, sellers.
Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	9,900 ordy.	\$10	\$10	\$4 90cts. (p. share for 1903)	\$94, buyers.
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Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	20,000	\$5	\$5	None	\$1, sellers.
Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	200,000	\$10	\$10	{ 80 cts. for year ending 31-12-03	\$800, buyers.
Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	10,000	\$10	\$10	10 per cent. for 1903	\$7, buyers.
Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	15,000	\$10	\$10	First year	\$5.
Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	15,000	\$10	\$10	{ Int. div. 5 p. c. on account of year ending 30-6-1904	\$91, buyers.
Asbestos Oriental Agency, Limited	15,000	\$10	\$10	First Year	\$50.
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